

Jayson Blair

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I am making amends and seeking forgiveness. My only hope is that some good can come out of my situation.

~Jayson Blair

When we report stories, we don't just want to talk to people who did the right thing. We want to talk to people who did the wrong thing.

~Jayson Blair

If they're all so brilliant and I'm such an affirmative-action hire, how come they didn't catch me?

~Jayson Blair

I believe my own demons would have caught up with me regardless of my race and regardless of whether I worked at 'The Times.

~Jayson Blair

I don't know how one would define an affirmative-action hire. I ultimately do not know what role race played in my hiring.

~Jayson Blair

I used to walk around saying that I'm just another black man without a college degree.

~Jayson Blair

I think people can learn from my experience - you know, any young people who are under pressure, whether you work on Wall Street or you work in a factory in Alabama, and young journalists.

~Jayson Blair

It's hard to say what role race really played in my case.

~Jayson Blair

I seek to be authentic and engaging, using my own experiences, being as vulnerable as I ask my clients to be, to enhance the process.

~Jayson Blair

I feel like I delivered a blow, an unfortunate blow to a profession that not only did I personally love doing but that I value for society.

~Jayson Blair

I fooled some of the most brilliant people in journalism.

~Jayson Blair

Once I had a better beat, I needed to have an even better one. And somewhere in that climbing, I lost sight of, sort of, my moral and ethical underpinnings.

~Jayson Blair

You know I am done lying. Obscuring the truth is no longer something I have any interest in doing. I want it all to come out. The good, the bad, the ugly.

~Jayson Blair

It's very painful to have something that's not true written about you.

~Jayson Blair

Racism built me into a person that was set up to be self-destructive.

~Jayson Blair

One of my weaknesses happens to be lying, and I could tell you that I'm never going to lie again in my life, but that would be a lie.

~Jayson Blair

Some people it seems to me would like for me to crawl in a hole and disappear forever. That's just not in my nature.

~Jayson Blair

Well the first thing I'd say is that I'm not sure exactly what I'm supposed

to do to show my remorse other than to say that I'm remorseful.

~Jayson Blair

I am immensely contrite. And I'm sorry for the damage I've done.

~Jayson Blair

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